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APPLICANT(S): Roy L. Barrus

EXAMINER: Catherine Serke Williams

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FOR: **SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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| TOTAL CLAIMS*                                 | 19                               | 40                              | 0             | x 25 =              | \$0        | x 50 =  | \$0        |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                            | 3                                | 3                               | 0             | X 100 =             | \$0        | x 200 = | \$0        |
| [ ] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim |                                  |                                 |               |                     |            | 0       | \$0        |

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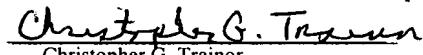
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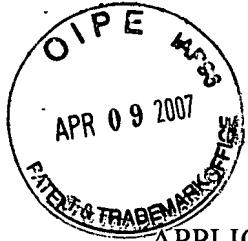
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

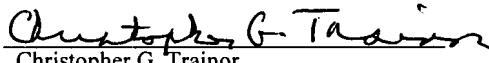
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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